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Homeless Offered New Start In Life With Innovative \$4 Million Harmony House

A note of satisfaction, concern and commitment prevailed at the groundbreaking for Harmony House, the \$4 million transitional housing complex which will provide a full network of services to 102 homeless families upon its completion in the summer of 1989. Governor Thomas Kean called the occasion "the dawn of hope for New Jersey's homeless," and applauded "the spirit of cooperation that has enabled Hartz Mountain Industries and New Community Corporation to work with city, county and state government toward solving the problem of Newark's homeless residents..."

"Harmony House will go far beyond the Band-Aid approach to the problems of the homeless," said Monsignor William J. Linder of New Community at the October 20th event. "By providing a complete network of social services we can offer the full range of help that is needed for people to make full lives for themselves and become productive members of society." (See story, *Clarion*, August 1988).

Present at the groundbreaking were Leonard A. Stern, chairman of Hartz Mountain and Robert Van Fossan, the chairman of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of America. Their firms provided the private partnership ingredient so necessary to the success of the venture.

Stern said "business must have an active social conscience and I am proud to see that Hartz is the first to recognize and to act upon the desperate need in New Jersey for decent facilities for homeless families." The Hartz chairman told of spending several nights in homeless shelters in New York City where he saw how our society warehoused children and mothers in large gymnasiums. It made him determined to do something about the homeless situation. What he did was to build four shelters in four years, housing 1,500 people or ten percent of Manhattan's homeless.

"You cannot run a Western industrial society without subsidized

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Left to Right: NCC President Art Wilson, The Hartz Group Chairman Leonard Stern, Msgr. William Linder, Hartz Mountain President Gene Heller, Commissioner Villane, Commissioner Altman, County Executive Amato, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Chief Executive Robert Van Fossan and Freeholder James Kavanagh dig in at the Harmony House groundbreaking.

Shopping Center Update We're Ready...Who's Not?

At an unprecedented special meeting of the Newark Municipal Council Tax Abatement Committee chaired by Councilman Donald Tucker, the requirements submitted by New Community to satisfy their tax abatement request were reviewed and approved on Wednesday, October 5th.

Directly following that meeting, a meeting of the full City Council was called and the formal approval of the shopping center tax abatement was received.

Municipal Council President Henry Martinez stated, "Certainly we sup-

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Anna Love, a neighborhood resident, would really "love" to be shopping at a Pathmark Supermarket on Bergen Street and South Orange Avenue.

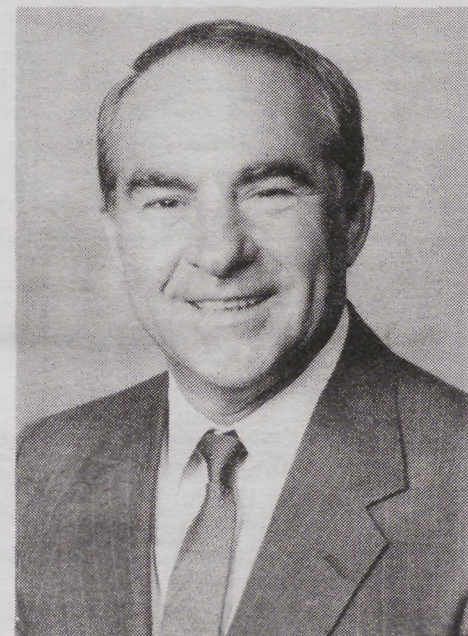
People In Government Anthony M. Villane Commissioner Of Community Affairs

The new commissioner for the Department of Community Affairs, Anthony M. Villane, knows New Jersey from many different viewpoints. He was born in Newark on South 12th Street in a three story walk-up, and St. Rose of Lima School gave him his first formal education, leading him to Rutgers University and afterward to Temple University for a graduate degree in dentistry.

After serving as a captain in the United States Air Force he practiced his profession in Eatontown, New Jersey. Presently a resident of Long Branch, he and his wife Sarah raised five children.

Villane has a background of legislative experience which makes him well qualified to deal with the issues and problems facing this department. In 1975 he was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly, then reelected to six two-year terms. At the time he was offered the opportunity to head the Department of Community Affairs by Governor Thomas H. Kean, Villane was chairman of the powerful Assembly Appropriations Committee and had worked on the Governor's budget for three or four years.

While in the Assembly he spon-



Anthony M. Villane

sored such bills as the \$50 million Shore Protection Bond Act, the Tax Amnesty Program that provided \$85 million for the Distressed Cities Program and the Civil Service Reform Act, all of which were signed into law.

It was his admiration for Governor Kean that led him to accept the appointment as commissioner. "He's

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housing. Until we commit ourselves to tax more and waste less, we will have homelessness," said Stern.

Van Fossan called the construction and financing of Harmony House "a perfect example of the good things that happen when the private sector, the nonprofit community, and government agencies set aside their parochial interests and work together for a common goal and a common good. It's a disgrace that there is a need for a facility like this in our affluent society," he said.

It was a hope to "turn this national disgrace of homelessness into a national triumph we can be proud of" which brought Mutual Benefit's involvement. The chairman also applauded New Community Corporation as "the most effective nonprofit organization in our state."

State Plan Announced

Human Services Commissioner Drew Altman and Community Affairs Commissioner Anthony Villane chose the occasion to announce a two year \$22 million plan to get families out of welfare motels and into quali-



Mr. Leonard Stern, Chairman of The Hartz Group, addresses those present at the Harmony House groundbreaking.

The Department of Human Services will contribute some \$15.6 million and the Department of Community Affairs will contribute \$6.3 million during the next two years for the plan.

The Department of Community Affairs will provide funding for construction and renovation while the Department of Human Services will provide operational support and underwrite the cost of on-site social services.

"This transitional housing will help

Combined Efforts Lauded

Nicholas Amato, Essex County Executive also voiced praise for NCC and the "constructive collaboration between federal, state and county governments." He felt that with about 600 families in welfare hotels each night, diverting such money to transitional housing was a better solution to the problem.

Amato also announced a revolving loan fund to develop housing with county funds called The Essex County Homeless Opportunity Fund.

Mayor Sharpe James compared the Harmony House public-private partnership to the efforts producing Newark's successful downtown

business renaissance.

Central Ward Councilman George Branch noted that the site for Harmony House, once occupied by private homes had been abandoned for years and the site became empty. The Harmony House project is badly needed, he felt.

The three story shelter will have handicapped units, laundry facilities and connecting units to accommodate larger families. The adjoining two story social services center will contain a child care center, medical services, employment services, social services and a community room.

Projected completion date of the complex is July 1989.



NC Manager Madge Wilson, Director of Operations Dorothy Douge, and Director of Human Resources Gwendy Long rejoice at NCC's latest venture in helping others at the groundbreaking ceremony.



Left to Right: Councilman George Branch, NCC Board Member Mary Smith, Mayor Sharpe James, County Executive Amato and Commissioner Villane look to the future of Harmony House.

ty transitional housing. Harmony House is the first transitional facility for the homeless in New Jersey and a key component of the Family Shelter Strategy detailed by Villane and Altman.

The strategy would envision an effort by the two departments to pool their resources for homeless services to expand family shelters, build transitional housing and provide on-site social services to help families move on to permanent housing and better

hundreds of homeless people find a better quality of life," Villane said emphasizing its special and different approach to assist the homeless to achieve self-sufficiency. (See related story on page 5.)

Altman called Harmony House and the Family Shelter Strategy "vital pieces of our three-year plan to get out of the welfare motels. They represent a more sensible and compassionate response to the problem of homelessness."

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port shopping centers in all areas of the city. It's a necessary need in any Renaissance. It think people should not have to shop — especially for food — outside the area. It's convenient for senior citizens who in many cases now have to be bussed to other municipalities for the purpose, for stores. I commend New Community for their dedication to the community and am proud to voice my support for such a worthy project."

Branch called the proposed shopping center "a much needed facility so folks can shop in the neighborhood where now they have to go a long distance." "I'm particularly pleased for seniors that they can shop locally," he concluded.

We should see the land being cleared (thanks in part to that \$300,000 demolition grant from the City of Newark) and signs of new life for the community appearing soon.

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Trainees Reach New Heights

Last month, on October 22nd, HAVE/NCC trainees Nethaniel Arenas, Barry Cameron (Recent Graduate), William Cooper and Leon Irving had the opportunity to witness the Hudson River Valley at the very "height" of its autumn splendor. As guests of Howard Quirk (Executive Director of Victoria Foundation) they were invited to a hike on **Breakneck Ridge** - a pinnacle opposite Storm King Mountain, along the upper Hudson in southern New York State.

Under the supervision of Chris Mazauskas (Director, HAVE/NCC) trainees rendezvoused with Mr. Quirk at a rest-stop on the Garden State Parkway in Montvale, N.J., and after a hot breakfast proceeded to their destination. The ride itself was exhilarating: the trip up scenic Palisades Parkway; crossing Bear Mountain Bridge with its unique view of the river; passing through quaint towns on the Hudson's eastern shore (Garrison, Cold Spring); and the wondrous mixture of the seasons bright & musky colors.

Upon reaching their destination, trainees faced a 3-hour excursion over twisting, turning trails. Mr. Quirk's familiarity with the area helped the steady ascent along sometimes steep and rocky inclines. Early in the climb he commented upon the trainees' regular and enthusiastic pace, recalling other groups he had escorted which, faced with half the challenge, seemed much less robust. Each step of the way offered a different perspective of the region's scenic wonders. On reaching the top, all stopped for a snack and to enjoy the panoramic birds-eye view of the Hudson River Valley, with the peaks of Mt. Taurus

to the south and Storm King Mountain to the west.

The descent was as enjoyable as the ascent, leading trainees through clearings and forests of tall grass and wildflowers, pines and birches, fir and oak, greeting other hikers along the way. Having reached the base of the mountain in good time Mr. Quirk, recalling a previous trip with the trainees to Saint John the Divine Cathedral in Manhattan commented to the effect "Now they have been to the heights which man created for God, and which God created for man." Afterwards, they stopped for lunch in Garrison, N.Y., before heading home.

Along the ride back, the trainees had a chance to reflect upon the beauty of the day's experience, as well as the significance and challenge of the work that faced them during their training in HAVE/NCC's Building/Rehab/Renovation/Maintenance Skills Program and in the actual work being accomplished by their efforts at **BABYLAND'S PARENT-CHILD CENTER** (the first daycare center in the nation for children with AIDS). They took pride in the fact that their on-going and recently acquired skills will help others less able to help themselves.

As of late, Lester Jefferson (Lead Trainer HAVE/NCC) had used the many opportunities presented during the work at **BABYLAND'S PARENT-CHILD CENTER** to increase training in Masonry Skills. A professional mason by trade, Mr. Jefferson has instructed the trainees in basic masonry construction techniques, with the most recent product of their efforts being a decorative pad



HAVE graduate Barry Cameron receives a carpentry lesson from Trainer Lester Jefferson at the Parent Child Center Extension building.

constructed at the base of the newly-installed fire-escape. Their work in **concrete forms** continues on the inside of the building with the construction of concrete platforms for the laundry room and for the utilities (furnace, hot-water heater) in the basement of the building. Their next masonry project will be the construction of a block and concrete ramp at the rear of the building.

A proud note:

Although the trainees enjoyed the Breakneck Ridge Hike, Lester Jefferson was unable to attend, as his wife Deborah was due to give birth to his new daughter. Les-Steenah Jaquita Jefferson was born on October 24th and weighed in at 8 lbs. 15½ oz. Con-

gratulations Lester and Deborah!

Our many thanks again, to Howard Quirk for his continued time, effort, interest and support of New Community and its HAVE/NCC (Housing And Vocational Empowerment) Program.

A Letter Of Thanks

September 19, 1988

New Community Corporation
233 West Market Street
Newark, NJ 07103

Dear Msgr. Linder,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous contribution of the New Community Corporation to the 25th Anniversary March on Washington. It was indeed a memorable occasion and certainly was incentive enough to refocus our energies on those aspects of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Dream" that have been deferred.

I hope that the New Coalition of Conscience that worked so hard to commemorate the 25th Anniversary will continue to organize and force upon those who propose to govern for the next four years our "Call To The Nation."

I wish you warm personal regards.

Sincerely,
Coretta Scott King
Co-convenor

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
For Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

Black Tie Dinner At Extended Care A SMASH!

Awaiting the arrival of honored guests was a delightful decorated cake sporting a huge black bow tie. At each plate there rested a special nametag, and in bottles on the tables sparkling apple juice waited for the toast.

Add to the picture decorations catching the eye at every turn and a group of very excited residents from The New Community Extended Care Facility and you begin to see how special the Black Tie Dinner was, held for them on October 22.

It was a SMASH!!

Everyone came ready to wine and dine and a roast beef dinner provided satisfaction in that category.

The residents were served and catered to all evening by the magnificent dietary and activity staff, which started with a toast to continued happiness, joy and long life.

No evening such as this is complete without music; everyone enjoyed the wonderful entertainment provided by pianist Warren Alston and signer Deborah Jones. The songs they

presented ran the gamut from "You are My Sunshine" to "Ain't Nothing Going On But the Rent."

Residents danced and sang all evening, so much so that one resident after dancing happily for an hour and a half, fell asleep and had to be taken upstairs.

It was a welcome spot of fun in the lives of all.

Ron Burgess
Extended Care Activity Director

Arms And Voices Raised In Song



The Medical Day Care group and residents of the Extended Care Facility enjoyed a lively sing-a-long in addition to their many other activities.

Flea Market Planned Save The Date



Director of Activities Ron Burgess begins to stock up on items for the Extended Care Facility Flea Market. It will be Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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the greatest," said Villane. "He's a great dedicated man." The two had worked together for many years in the legislature and Villane worked hard on the bills benefiting the environment and the cities which Governor Kean felt were so necessary. He was "right in the middle of doing a Coastal Commission bill and the Natural Resources Trust Fund," when he was tapped for the cabinet post. "When he called me and asked me to serve in his cabinet... there was no way I could say 'no'," said Villane. He considered it an honor to serve him. The new commissioner did however, ask to think about it and "checked it out" with his family.

Villane is excited about the new position and the promise it holds. Community Affairs is a diverse department encompassing five divisions: Aging; Community Resources; Housing and Development; Local Government Services; and Women.

During a recent tour of New Community, Commissioner Villane met a lot of the seniors at the Nutrition Site in NC Associates and enjoyed listening to them. Such congregate programs are good he feels — "They're not stuck in somebody's back room." Babyland III across the street from the senior building he termed "magnificent."

Villane looked back to his own youth where "it was kind of a built in day care program. Children took care of their parents and their parents took care of their grandchildren." That concept is no longer part of our society now he concluded when children have abandoned a lot of their grandparents to the state and

Mortgage Finance Agency (the agency that goes out for tax-free bonding) and also sits on the board for the **Council for Affordable Housing.**

There exists a \$10 million JUMP program for affordable rental housing. He has put together all those components of the housing industry for which he is responsible and challenged his people to have one policy to build urban rental properties for low and moderate income people.

"Bureaucracy takes a long time to get shovels in the ground," the commissioner explained, so he asked for a chart to be made which would graphically show the progress on his new plan. It had been brought in that morning. "We're committed to putting the resources together and to shortening up the time frame between permitting and applications and investigations. We're trying to attract builders."

The first thing he is doing for housing is to assist non-profits to do their job by allocating funds for them. "They have the dedication, the people. They know where the need is but oftentimes they don't have the expertise. So we're going to provide \$2 million for that and I'm going to try to get \$2 million more from the legislature," said Villane. "I think I can prove to them we need it."

Villane had high praise for the work of non-profits, and was "amazed that people don't know the things they do far exceed what government can do. But we need government too," he added. He remarked on the continuity which New Community has in Monsignor William Linder. (The NCC Board has also been together

maybe a quarter of a million dollars on one deal."

Right now the department is putting together their resources in providing low-interest mortgages and the means to buy down the costs of construction of rental income property. Money will come from many sources, such as an appropriation of \$10 million from the governor's budget, and the Urban Partnership Program that involves banks' commitments for \$100 million, as well as

conservative person that came up through the depression...it kills me to see dollars — bricks and mortar — torn down like that. But the whole atmosphere was wrong. It's too bad those units couldn't be used for senior citizens...only adults." He felt seniors could live in a congregate housing atmosphere like that. Government involvement such as in public housing had to be well planned and had to be supervised properly or it would not provide what was needed.



Mr. Edgar Sampson shares his concerns about housing and nutrition as Comm. Villane, Madge Wilson and Msgr. Linder listen attentively.

the Council for Affordable Housing which handles Mr. Laurel commitments.

All these resources will be put together, said Villane, to make construction of low and moderate income rental housing attractive to builders. To further aid the buildes a single application procedure is being introduced which will be reviewed by everybody. No longer will there be a need to apply to one agency after another further delaying the process.

"I want one process for housing," Villane said he told his staff. "I want us all to know of every application that comes in. And I want us to sit across the table and say 'I can help out here,' and 'I can help out there' and 'if we put this together' etc. We've got talent! I'm excited about it."

He went even further, telling them the only thing he counts are units that they have the keys for that they can unlock for people to move into. "And I'll tell you — they responded very well," he said in an upbeat voice.

Referring to the public housing now being torn down in Newark and many other cities, Villane commented that things were done at a Federal level and the things they built didn't work; they didn't satisfy the needs and really created a worse problem. "So while we spent money poorly, people judged the program by the way the money was applied. We can do a better job of applying the money in a more rational fashion with the Monsignor Linders and the non-profits of the world."

One thing Villane is working towards is an increase of housing units — new living units. "I don't care if they're old units that were uninhabitable that we can make habitable or completely new units, but I want to have an increase in the number of units for the people to move into. That's the only way to have an effect on the market."

Returning again to the Newark public housing, he was reminded of his youth. "It hurts me, being such a

The commissioner's own youth involved public housing which still exists today — Stephen Crane Village in Newark. His mother first went to apply at Seth Borden Court, a high rise, and was advised by the manager to try Stephen Crane instead, saying it would be better since she had five children. "It was brand new, and there were families with children and there was a competitive spirit about who was going to keep the housing project neater than the next one. And the whole thing turned out to be a good experience for people that were out of work in the depression." Villane rides through there still and finds it remains one of the nicest developments in the entire city of Newark.

He is no stranger to the experiences of the poor looking for shelter today. When a student at St. Rose School as a young boy he could not go to school on rainy or snowy days, because the only pair of footwear he had was a pair of sneakers with holes in the soles. Service to the community also started at St. Rose, where he cleaned out spent candles and was rewarded by a trip next door to the convent for a piece of fresh fruit or fresh vegetables. During the depression if you got any kind of food it was a special treat. "The nuns were so kind to little kids," he remembered. He also can imagine how humiliating it is for a father not to be able to provide for his kids.

The values that you have to learn from growing up in a depression are not easily, never really, forgotten, Villane emphasized.

There is a value to life and a sensitivity to others that comes clearly through during our conversation...and pleasure in being in a position to make a difference.

A man of strong family pride, he said "I think my grandchildren will be proud that I served Tom Kean as a cabinet member."

We look forward to seeing your plans flourish with time, Commissioner.



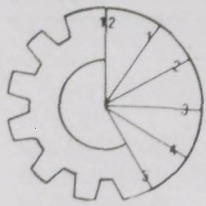
NCC's Madge Wilson, Commissioner Villane and Joe Chaynefield (NCC Board member in background) meet Mildred Sliezewski in the dining area of Associates.

to community efforts.

The conversation moved to the crowded housing conditions of the poor, where two or three families share an apartment when one must move because they cannot meet an emergency situation and pay their rent too. "That's a problem, because it's no good to raise children with 10 or 12 people in an apartment," said Villane. We talked about the severity of homelessness today and how hundreds of thousands of children will grow up without a normal home environment. "They won't contribute to society; they'll just be street survivors," he said sadly. "That's why housing is really what I want to work on in this department." The commissioner is chairman of **The Housing**

from the beginning and are grass roots people.) Often government changes hands and continuity of a program suffers.

The second thing he is doing already is meeting with builders trying "to put a package together that makes it interesting to builders to want to build low and moderate rental properties." "What I want them to do is look at a more moderate way to make money, but something we can guarantee them a profit into. There's no other way to get them to do it. The builders are not interested right now simply because it's not profitable. They know they can build condominiums, townhouses and single family homes in suburban areas and make \$50 to \$100 thousand and



NCC Employment Center

133 Jobs In October

Moving On Up

"I'm going all the way up the ladder, as far as I can go." These are the determined words of Ms. Evelyn Mayo, principal secretary for the Biological Science Area of Rutgers University's Newark Campus.

Evelyn was referred to Rutgers University this past August as a part-time temporary secretary after being referred by New Community Employment Center's Youth Program. Early on, she displayed her skills and

had training in stress management, professionalism in the office, writing skills, communications, computer operations, and much more, which has all built up her strong character.

"I really like my job here at Rutgers. It has given me the opportunity to utilize all my training and the chance to continue my education in Business Administration, which also means another step up the ladder. My duties in the Academic Divi-



Mr. Michael Iannarone and Ms. Evelyn Mayo discuss job responsibilities at Rutgers in Newark.

determination, and was offered three different positions by three different departments.

Mr. Michael Iannarone, Personnel Representative for Rutgers states that when he receives a call from a department to fill a position, his job is to "find a candidate who can come in and do the job without needing someone to stand over them, going step-by-step, repeatedly, over the procedures. This Evelyn has done, and the staff at Rutgers are very pleased with her performance."

Evelyn Mayo graduated from East Orange High and continued her education at Bloomfield College and Lyons Institute, where she completed courses for a certificate as a Medical Assistant. She also received a certificate in word processing and one from the Health Insurance of America Association. Evelyn has also

sion are to maintain vital information for faculty, staff and undergraduates. This can become quite hectic, but with the system I've developed, there is no problem," said Evelyn.

When Evelyn came to New Community Corporation Employment Center, her resume objective stated..."To secure a position with a company offering word processing, thereby utilizing my extensive technical experience and strong personal initiative." This she has accomplished.

New Community Employment Center is proud to have been a stepping stone toward Ms. Mayo's goals. Congratulations to Ms. Evelyn Mayo and all of our youth applicants who are steadily moving onward and upward along the ladder of success.

Joyce E. Bates

Priory Popular Executive Breakfast Spot



Mr. Abraham Amore prepares for a delicious breakfast buffet and business meeting at The Priory Restaurant which was enjoyed by one of Newark's many corporations.

Our Quality Of Life

The challenges and frustrations posed by economic conditions in the local area were the topic of discussion at a recent Leadership Institute workshop sponsored by New Community Corporation. Co-presenting the topic of "The Local Economy" were Larry Goldston of New Community Corporation's Development Department and myself, representing NCC's Employment Center.

About ten students of the Institute attended this session, which was so lively that it inspired motivation to write this article.

Larry primarily discussed New Community's plans to construct a first-class shopping area along Bergen Street and South Orange Avenue. He described the pains to which local people must go to acquire food and other needed goods. Since no large, clean and safe supermarket exists in the community, local people must travel to other towns in order to do major food shopping, which is especially complex when you don't have access to a car (as is the case with so many people in this neighborhood).

People who rise early every morning to travel great distances to places of employment yet **still** find themselves unable to pay the rent, buy adequate food supplies or secure medical services, much less purchase new shoes or take in a movie now and then, were the focus of my presentation. We discussed the **hopelessness** people feel when they think they are doing what they are "supposed" to do and **still** are not able to adequately care for themselves or their families. We talked about the reciprocal nature of economic and political processes, and how people must seek to control one or the other or both in order to

enhance the quality of life.

The workshop participants willingly shared their feelings on these subjects, needing an outlet for all the hurt pent up inside. People are fed up. Fed up with slumlords and the lack of affordable housing...fed up with low wages...fed up with drug traffickers...fed up with police abuse of power...fed up with discrimination in hiring and promotion by a certain local university...fed up with crime, poverty, powerlessness and apathy...

After airing our frustrations, we began to think about solutions. First was the need to recognize the power of collective action. Second, to recognize the relationship between politics, economics, and quality of life. Third, to remember that those who benefit from the poverty of the many, do not get tired of protecting their interests. Fourth, to realize that those who seek quality in the carving of the economic pie cannot afford to let a few defeats or a bit of stormy weather conquer efforts to achieve a more just, humane and decent standard of life. People left the workshop with renewed determination to take control over their lives, making the "Tale of Two Cities" no more.

L. Michelle Odom

Statement of Purpose

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Laser treatments by podiatrists are becoming more common. It's high-tech in the here-and-now, but some caveats are in order.

The carbon dioxide laser is certainly an accepted mode of treating certain foot problems, but it's not around to replace more traditional treatment methods. The laser is another tool in the podiatric physician's armamentarium. Sometimes its use is appropriate; other times, not.

First a definition. The word laser is an acronym for *Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation*. It is a bit too complicated to get into now, but the concept of light amplification is similar to concentrating a beam of sunlight through a magnifying glass. What comes out of the magnifying glass is an amplified beam of light, hot enough to ignite paper or cause a burn.

The carbon dioxide surgical laser effectively removes tissue because the highly concentrated energy of the laser beam is totally absorbed by the water which constitutes about 85 percent of most living tissues, where it's converted into heat and causes flash vaporization of the cellular water at 100 degrees centigrade.

Its use in medicine began about a decade ago, and early models were as large as half-a-dozen file cabinets.

Technological improvements have reduced the bulkiness making office applications more practical and widespread. In the podiatric physician's office, the laser is suited for the removal of warts, neuromas, calluses, scars, keloids and for ingrown nail treatments - a variety of applications involving tissue and nail conditions.

It's a tool - like a scalpel - and not a treatment. There is a misconception held by many people that a laser has application in bunion surgery. This is not the case. A bunion is a bone deformity and the carbon dioxide laser of 1987 is not a tool for bone surgery. Its applications, when speaking of podiatric medicine, are limited to soft tissue work and nail conditions.

Although the laser can be used to cut tissue, more often it is used to vaporize or destroy tissue through light energy.

Laser Advantages

Present utilization of the laser for foot surgery is available for eradication of Plantar Verrucae (plantar warts), excision of Morton's Neuroma, and common nail pathology such as ingrown borders, traumatic ram's horn nails, and correction of mycotic nail plates.

The laser also offers the advantage of minimal bleeding during surgery by virtue of its "thromocoagulative effect". Other pluses include an inherent sterility (for only the laser beam contacts the tissue); reduced trauma; and pinpoint precision for the removal of designated tissue.

The laser is another modality for the podiatrist. Its accuracy is valuable for precision work. It causes the patient less discomfort, and it can vaporize scars away.

Dr. Kenneth
Frank
Podiatrist



Special training is required for the practitioner.

The laser is here and now. Its potential as a tool in medicine is great - but it is only a tool. It's not miraculous, and it's not magic. Except maybe for the person who has a tattoo with a former girlfriend's name on his arm. Here, the laser can perform the miracle of erasing the old name so that a new, more current girlfriend's name can be inscribed. Now *that's* progress.

Foot Screenings For Seniors

Dr. Kenneth Frank, podiatrist at the New Community Health Care Center located at St. Joseph Plaza, will conduct free foot screenings for residents of the New Community Senior Buildings beginning Saturday November 5, 1988.

Mobility is a vital part of independent living and proper care of the feet can ease pain and prevent or lessen suffering caused by foot problems.

We encourage all our seniors to take advantage of this service.

Dates and times for senior foot screenings follow:

Saturday
Nov. 5 NC Douglas 10:00 A.M.
15 Hill Street

Nov. 5 NC Manor Seniors 2 P.M.
545 Orange Street

Saturday
Nov. 19 NC Gardens Seniors 10 A.M.
265 Morris Avenue

Nov. 19 NC Commons 2 P.M.
140 South Orange Avenue

Saturday
Dec. 3 NC Associates 10 A.M.
180 South Orange Avenue

Dec. 3 NC Roseville 2 P.M.
1 South 8th Street

Fall Planting Time At St. Joseph's



NCC Asst. Director of Development Larry Goldston admires a lovely addition to St. Joseph's Plaza. It was designed by NCC Board member Soledad Alston.

Reflections:

Marriages Are Not Made In Heaven But With Hard Work On Earth

Recently, my wife and I visited our son in Lexington, Kentucky and I noted this article in the local paper which was so well written that I thought I would share it with you.

Gold In Marriage Must Be Dug From Hard Rock Of Compromise

Who among us thought the Mike Tyson-Robin Givens marriage was going to last more than a year? Don't be ashamed; raise your hands.

Seeing no hands raised, I will assume my theory about today's marriages is correct. They are no longer made in heaven. They are made at the bank.

I admit I married my husband for his money. He wasn't rich, but I told him that we'd get married if he bought me a house. He did, and we did.

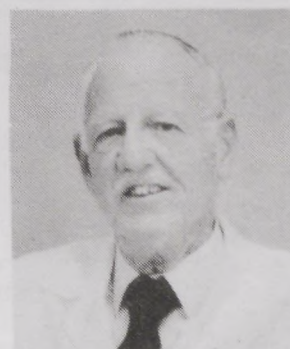
Now that I've spent all his money, the marriage is still alive and well, mainly because we have some common goals.

We'd like to raise an intelligent, caring, sensitive daughter, although she's fighting us every step of the way.

We'd like to have financial comfort in our old age despite the rapidity at which it is approaching.

And we'd like to have someone to talk to, someone who understands a particular look or a certain touch, someone who points out when we're wrong, knowing that criticism is given out of love. All of that sounds wonderful, but we also know that those jewels are surrounded by hard rock that must be continually blasted through. And that rock is made up of a little bit of both of us.

The rock I lay consists of a bad temper, stubbornness and a temper that simmers and then blows. I talk too much; he talks too little. With money, he is so tight, he squeaks when he walks. On the other hand, I



Dr. Paul
Kearney

am so free-spending that we could be broke shortly after payday.

With all that going against us, we could have been divorced long ago.

The point is, these rocks are not insurmountable. They just take a lot of work to push aside.

I really don't understand the youngsters who are getting married today. They expect roses but forget that the stem leading to the rose is covered with thorns.

And I don't understand married couples who have separate bank accounts. You pay your bills, and I'll pay mine. I thought everything became one.

My husband and I do have separate "fun money" accounts, but the bills come out of the joint checking account. And the vacations come out of the joint savings account.

According to reports, Givens' mother played a key role in the Tyson marriage. That's ugly.

Parents should raise the kids and set them free to work out their own differences. That's what other members of the animal kingdom do. In this case, I tend to think they're smarter than humans.

At any rate, I'm sorry about the breakup of the Tyson marriage. I don't think much effort was put into saving it, however. Eight months is far too short a period of time to say the marriage won't work. They haven't had any time to talk to each other, to figure out in what direction they want the marriage to head.

Marriage has a great many rewards. But those rewards come only after being stuck a few times by the thorns on the stem.

What makes my husband and me keep trying is that there is a beautiful sweet-smelling rose at the end.

And, in a few more years, we could even have a garden full of them.

Marlene Davis
Herald Leader
Lifestyle Columnist

New Health Care Service:

Allergy Testing And Treatment

New Community Health Care Center is now offering:

Allergy Testing and Treatment
Every Thursday Morning

Call 268-2480 for an appointment.

Remember most people who have allergies during the summer usually have them year round. So don't wait 'til summer to seek relief. Call for an appointment now.

Home Health Care Program Graduates



Recent graduates of the Home Health Program pose with Sr. Ann Tumulty (first row, second from right). This State Certified Program enables graduates to give personal care to patients in thier own home.



Program graduates Lula Pettiford, Margurite Burnett, Pat Holden and Denise Barnes pratice their patient care skills.

Bubbly Babyland II Halloween

Bright and bold forms that resemble bugs, flowers, stars, freckles or rainbows adorned the faces of infants, toddlers and children. The fun time of Halloween morning was pairing a child with an adult with make-up or tempera paint and a mirror. With a short time for creativity and lots of hilarious merriment the children and staff were off to parade before the kindergarten class and the first graders, the principal and the staff at the parish rectory.

Before smudges altered the original face-paintings, the children were taken to Manor Seniors where a wonderful Halloween Party hosted by Joyce Cook awaited them...besides,

who would want to hide such beautiful faces behind a Smurf, Flintstone, or She-Ra plastic mask.

Sister Helene Trueitt, ASC
Babyland II



This painted tiger won the hearts of the NC Manor Seniors.



Babyland II tots and friends trick or treat at St. Rose Rectory.

The Spa Line: Think Fit

Barbara A. Brehm, Ed.D.

It's not always easy to find time to exercise and unless you arrange your schedule so you have time to work out, it usually doesn't happen. Things come up at home, or at work, and the next thing you know the day is over and you've missed your exercise class or your after-work walk.

Yet some of the world's busiest and most successful people do manage to exercise regularly. What's the difference between people who have integrated physical activity into their daily schedule, and those who fall into the "good intentions but can't quite find the time" category? One of the biggest differences is in the way they think about exercise and about themselves.

When I was growing up, my family believed exercise was a waste of time. Now when I take time to work out, I feel like I should be doing something more important.

There's no way to feel committed to an exercise program if you don't believe in the value of exercise. There are two parts to this problem. The first is to convince yourself of the value of exercise; the second is to be sure that your program is designed to deliver the benefits you want most.

You know by now that physical activity can help control weight, blood lipids, blood pressure and blood sugar; increase muscle and joint strength and flexibility, bone density and aerobic endurance; and make you feel less anxious and more in control. It's hard not to find an article about the benefits of exercise from time to time. Scientific facts support the connection between physical activity and health.

Sometimes it's hard to translate all of this scientific evidence into your own exercise program. You may believe in the general goodness of exercise but not feel that your exercise program will deliver the promised goods. Talk to your instructor, and be sure you are doing the kind of exercise that will help you reach your

goals.

The nice thing is that unless you are overdoing it, you can't really go wrong. Even adding something as simple as climbing a few flights of stairs each day can help improve endurance.

But some days I can't take time away from work.

Don't think of exercise as "time away from work." Exercise can make you a more effective worker. Use exercise time to review the day ahead, think creatively about problems or simply take a break and return refreshed. Work quality is more important than quantity. Improved concentration means better communication, better decision making, and working smarter, not harder.

Flexibility may be the most important ingredient in a fitness program. Some days, despite the best of scheduling, something conflicts with your exercise plans. Think of an alternative plan for later in the day, or return to your program again tomorrow. Give yourself permission to take a day off without feeling guilty, as long as you maintain your long-term commitment to your health and well-being.

I've never stuck to an exercise program before. Why should I think I can stick to one now?

Because each day you're getting older and wiser. And each exercise program has taught you something about yourself and exercise. What did you like best? What didn't work? Use this information to make your new program more realistic and more rewarding for you. Many people make many attempts before they find an exercise program that works best for them.

It's important to find something about exercise that you enjoy. Work out with a friend, find an instructor you like or enjoy a quiet walk alone. Reward yourself for your achievements and for sticking to your plans. You must believe you can do it.

Barbara A. Brehm, Ed.D. is Assistant Professor of Exercise and Sport Studies at Smith College, Northhampton, Massachusetts.

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Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

Security Officer Lance Fuller was selected officer of the month for October, 1988. Officer Fuller was chosen because of his loyalty, unselfish dedication to duty and outstanding

attendance record. He's one who prefers to report for duty a half hour earlier than to be one minute late.

A native of Chase City, Virginia, Security Officer Fuller has been a member of the New Community Security force for the past three

years. After a three year stint in the U.S. Army, he returned to his home town where he worked several years as a brick mason.

Unhappy as a brick mason, because it lacked the challenge he sought in an occupation, he decided to come to Newark to try his luck. He learned of New Community Security from a friend and thought, from what he had heard about the corporation, it would be a nice company to work for. Once employed, he soon learned that security provided what he was accustomed to — discipline and carrying out orders — something he took to very well, earning an honorable discharge after three years of service in the military.

Fuller, who is assigned to the N.C.C. Extended Care Facility, 266 So. Orange Ave., said he enjoys his job very much because he likes looking after the welfare of the elderly.

Sergeants James Sullivan and Joseph Sweet, stated of security officer Fuller, that he is an excellent officer, easily managed and deserving of the honor of officer of the month.

Congratulations Security Officer Fuller on your achievement. Fuller was presented with an engraved plaque from the Katzin's Uniform Company of Newark and the N.C.C.

Department of Security, Co-sponsors of the program.

Farewell Party For Mr. Rhynes

A Retirement Party was given in honor of Mr. Otis Rhynes, Associate Director of Security, at the Security Base Station, 175 Bruce Street on Wednesday, October 26, 1988.

Mr. Rhynes, a 25 year retiree from the Newark Police Department, was appointed to the position of Associate Director of Security in 1983. He was presented with an award by Mrs. Cecilia Faulks, Director of Human Resources, on behalf of the corporation in acknowledgement of his five years of dedicated service to the New Community Corporation.

The party was well attended by his many friends in the corporation as well as a few of his old colleagues in the Newark Police Department.

Security Director James DuBose stated, "we are all richer for the experience of having known and worked with Associate Director Rhynes. He will be sorely missed, particularly by those of us in security. On behalf of the Security Department, good luck and remember the words of General Douglas MacArthur, 'An old soldier never dies, he just fades away'."



Director Jim DuBose looks on as S/O Lance Fuller, receives his award as Officer of the Month from Personnel Asst. Cora Ellis.

Black History Notes

ALEXANDER DUMAS

NOVELIST (1802-1870)

Researched by James E. DuBose

Sooner or later every boy or girl learns of the **Three Musketeers** and the **Count of Monte Cristo**, romantic sagas of an earlier day. Few of them get to know of the author, Alexander Dumas, who also wrote over two hundred volumes of plays and historical romances under the same name.

Alexander Dumas was born in Haiti of a French Haitian father and an African mother. Dumas' original name was Alexandre Davy de la Pailleterie after his father; he later took his mother's maiden name of Dumas.

The young Dumas was born at Villers-Cotterets in comparative poverty and obtained a smattering of education from a local priest. As an unknown and unproduced playwright he made his way to Paris in 1827.

Dumas first won recognition as a playwright with **Henri III et Sa Cour (1829)**, a play which has been described as the first great triumph of romantic drama. In fifteen years he wrote more than forty of these

dramas. In 1939, Dumas began writing historical novels with the intention of reviewing the history of France with them. In 1844, appeared the world famous **Three Musketeers** (eight volumes). Readers in England as well as in France followed the adventures of the musketeers: Porthos, Aramis and Athos.

Keeping several works in progress at the same time, Dumas completed the **Count of Monte Cristo** (twelve volumes).

Dumas even started a newspaper, **Le Mousquetaire**. He also constructed his own theatre for the performance of his plays.

Paris became accustomed to Dumas' great height, his strong and squarely-built figure, his perpetually smiling face, his large head crowned with curly grey locks, his deep chest and his firm step. He reminded them of the "good tempered Hercules."

A great favorite with the ladies, Dumas had one natural son, Alexander Dumas, who became a distinguished author in his own right.

Little Known Facts Of Freedman's Village...

Arlington Cemetery (1863-1893)

The origins of Arlington Cemetery are traced back to just before the onset of the American Civil War.

George Washington Parke Custis, the owner of the 1,100 acre Arlington plantation, willed the estate to his daughter, Mary. On June 30, 1831, she married a young army officer, Robert E. Lee. Together they lived on the estate for more than 30 years.

Freedman's Village was established in Arlington Cemetery, our nation's most sacred shrine in June 1863. It existed for more than 30

years; providing housing, education, employment training, medical care and food for former slaves who had migrated to the Capitol area.

More than 3,800 blacks from Freedman's Village are buried in Section 27, their headstones marked with their names and the word "civilian" or "citizen."

The first military burials of 65, did not take place until June 15, 1864. By the end of the Civil War 16,000 soldiers were buried there.



Director of Human Services Cecilia Faulks presents a gift of appreciation to retiring Security Asst. Director Otis Rhynes as some of the officers look on.

Gifts Of The Great

Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives and remembering what one receives.

—Dumas the Younger

It is better to deserve without receiving than to receive without deserving.

—Robert Ingersoll

It is impossible to enjoy idling

thoroughly, unless one has plenty of work to do.

—J.K. Jerone

A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbor's.

—Whately

The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfill another.

—George Eliot

PLANNING TO RETIRE?

USE THE TELEPHONE TO FILE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

If you will be at least age 62 within the next three months and are thinking of retiring, file for Social Security benefits the quick and easy way — by telephone. Clip the coupon below and mail it to the Social Security Administration.

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At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

What A Treat

Halloween was treat-filled day for the array of ghosts, goblins, and witches in the After School Program. The VISTA workers and Youth Coordinators put on quite a tasty celebration for the costumed youngsters. "The kids work hard and deserve a party now and then, and what better time to give one than Halloween?" said Eladio Negrón, Youth Coordinator.

The festivities began with snacks of finger sandwiches and punch. The, the kids watched scary movies and each child received his or her own bag of goodies.

Once again, the After School Program party was a success, and a good time was enjoyed by youngsters and adults alike.

Scott Santarosa



After School Program students display some of their handmade paper mache pumpkins which appeared at their recent Halloween party.

Above The Call Of Duty

In today's society everyone is so "me" conscious and has little time for someone else, especially if it is not something which is outlined in a job description. How many times have you looked at a situation that needs help or correction and known you could be of assistance but thought about it and said, "That is not my job!" It is rare to find someone who looks past that and helps anyway... but this is the story of someone who did.

At NC Roseville on Monday, September 26 there was a most unusual sight — one which sent a large message to those who witnessed it. It said no one is so important that they cannot roll up their sleeves and pitch in to help another human who cannot do for himself. (Remember you may be in the same predicament one day.) What made this case so rare and special was that the person who was in this tenant's apartment scrubbing floors, cleaning the refrigerator and bathroom was a manager, yes, Ms. Brenda West, who could easily have said 'find someone else to help.' Immediately she decided she would be that someone and from her own monies purchased cleaning supplies and commenced this project.



Brenda West

The resident she was helping had been ill and had just arrived back from the hospital. Homemaker services were being sought but had not yet arrived for him. Brenda decided to do something on her own in the interim knowing it would make him feel better.

Ms. West should be commended for her compassion and dedication to her tenants, to the point where **nothing** is beyond her. She promised to help them in any capacity and even though this was surely above and beyond the call of duty, she was there.

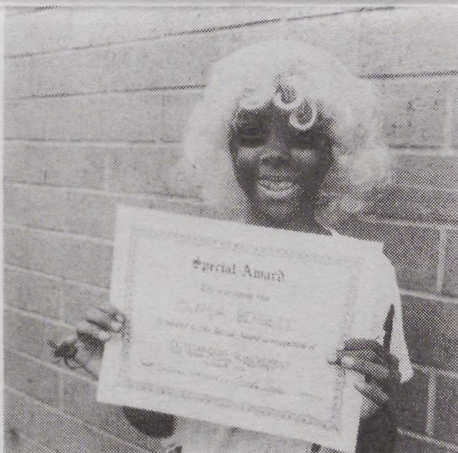
Joyce Cook

A Shining Example

October's outstanding student in the After School Program is ten-year old Yolanda Bennett.

Yolanda is a fifth grader at Newton Street School and she attends the After School Program faithfully. What distinguishes Yolanda from the other fine youngsters at the 220 Bruce Street program is her creativity and persistence in keeping herself busy.

Often, Yolanda starts making or drawing something using her artistic talents, and other students will see her and join in with what she's doing. Also, she helps those that need



assistance either with homework or with arts and crafts projects. Additionally, Yolanda is cheerful, friendly, and simply a pleasure to work with.

We commend, congratulate, and thank you, Yolanda for your outstanding work and attitude in our After School Program.

Scott Santarosa

Yolanda Bennett, dressed for the After School Program Halloween Party, proudly displays her award as Outstanding Student of the Month. She received her certificate and a gift from Scott Santarosa.



As Rev. Lavina Green prepares the food, residents Ms. Del Reddick and Ms. Illa Barnes pin on their festive flowers!

A CHANGE OF PACE

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Roseville's 10th Anniversary



Phyllis Williams, accompanied by Mother Lawrence, signs joyfully at NC Roseville's 10th Anniversary. Mr. Hector Morales listened appreciatively at the party.

Every Day Is An Opportunity

As we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ let us reflect on the ways he has touched our lives and made us a better person.

Many of us take our daily living for granted and tend to forget **Who** made it all possible. Everything that occurs is with His supervision. We must stop and realize this and not be so selfish and expect unearned rewards.

In talking to some of the residents in the New Community Senior and Handicapped complexes, I began to realize how truly **rich** we all could be if we would take the words of the Lord and practice them.

Mrs. Rosa Rivers, a residents at NC Commons, told me how an unselfish act had rendered her with a blessing. Sometime in September, Mrs. Rivers, was at home doing her housework when the phone rang. The operator informed her that it was a collect call from the State Prison. She was puzzled because she knew not who it could be. The voice of a young man cut in and said, "please Miss talk with me a few minutes; I am allowed a call but I have no one to call."

Mrs. Rivers without hesitation accepted the charges and spoke over an hour, about life and the scriptures. He promised to keep in touch with her and was most grateful to her for not hanging up and telling him he had reached a wrong number.

When Mrs. Rivers told this to a friend, the reaction she got was, "well, who is going to pay the bill." Mrs. Rivers responded by saying, "the bill is already paid." Her friend was quite puzzled and though Rosa was being foolish. Again, Mrs. Rivers just said, "It is alright, for the blessing is in the giving."

Unexpectedly, about a week later, Mrs. Rivers received a sum of money in the mail, which came at a much needed time and it would seem that yes, her bill had already been paid. "Give and you shall receive."

Mrs. Edna Davis, resides at NC Gardens and her favorite motto which she patterns her daily living by is, "Share...because what you do, God gives back to you." Many people will give things but for the wrong reason and will expect something in return. Mrs. Davis says one should give it in Jesus' name. "If you are blessed to have, share with those who may not have — He could be Jesus."

This she does all the time. For Thanksgiving she convinced her neighbors to open their hearts and doors to the other tenants who might not have any family or food to share, and invite them to come and celebrate life together.

There was so much warmth and goodness which evolved. This was the best year yet; many more shared and did so joyfully. There were many new friendships made and a constant sharing that remained.

My last visit was with Mr. Shepard Wright of NC Roseville. Mr. Wright has lived at Roseville for the last 3 years and is very happy and outgoing. He was telling me about his day and he stopped and said "I am not a selfish man I feel I have been blessed and given a better life." This both impressed me and made me curious.

Sometimes things happen in our lives that we do not understand. We question, we get upset; we do not look for the reason or purpose.

Mr. Wright told me that for years he had suffered with a bad leg and hip bone, which caused so much pain he started drinking quite heavily to dull the senses, only to awaken and find his suffering was still there. He continued to drink and smoke heavily and had gotten to where he could not stand at all. The entire leg up to the hip had to be rebuilt.

The surgery which was required was difficult but relatively routine. But, something happened during the operation, an accident which could have claimed his life, said Mr. Wright.

Mrs. Wright was furious. She had every right to be, for she almost lost someone very dear. There was talk of monumental law suits and monetary compensation.

Meanwhile, through all this, Mr. Wright was the calmest. "No, I do not want to sue, and hurt others in return. The Lord has shown me my heart. He let me live and I know that I will be alright."

Mr. Wright did spend months in recuperation. His hip was rebuilt and was fitted with a prosthesis; his chest healed miraculously and his new life had begun.

Drinking and smoking were things of the past; looking back now he doesn't even know why he needed them. Past due military payments started coming and other good things kept being bestowed on him. A lot of the money he gave away to family and friends who needed help.

"I do not need a lot. I have all the wealth I need and I got it from above."

Mr. Wright could be wealthy and living a life of luxury. Instead he chose to be wealthy and live a life of serenity and immeasurable happiness — for he can walk, dance, enjoy his friends and always know that He was and is there for him.

"...And He Touched Me"

Joyce Cook

Witches, Witches, Everywhere

Halloween...a time of masquerades, candy treats and pleasant tricks. A time when everyone, young and old, becomes transformed into Gobots, Star Wars characters, Goblins, Witches and Fairies.

NC Manor Senior hosted a little Halloween luncheon for the tots from Babyland II. Sr. Helene led the merry band of Ghostbusters, Gremlins and Roger Rabbits over to the Community Room. There they were greeted by a couple of seemingly "good" witches and other assorted ghouls.

All eyes lit up when they saw a huge pumpkin pinata suspended from the ceiling in the Community Room.

This was the highlight of the afternoon as several of the older children tried to make the pumpkin yield forth its catch of raisins and assorted goodies.

It was a treat to see the blending of the tots and seniors having a good time together and sharing a simple lunch of Monster Logs (Hot Dogs) and Vampire's blood (fruit punch) followed by a sweet treat of Spiders Web (Vanilla Cake).

When the little visitors turned to their center, they had smiles and goodie bags in tow, as the NC Manor witches and ghouls waved a friendly adieu!



A surprise-filled pumpkin pinata was a big HIT at the NC Manor Senior Halloween luncheon for the Babyland II tots.

The Reign Moves On

In May of 1988, NCC held its 2nd Annual Older American King and Queen Pageant, at which two persons were selected by a gathering of their peers and families to represent New Community's more mature population.

Traditionally the King and Queen reign for a one year term and pass the crown on to the newly elected. If for some reason either is unable to fulfill his full term the reign is completed by the runner up who has vowed to uphold the duties of King and Queen, by always portraying a positive image and being a leadership role model for others to follow.

On October 7, 1988 the current king retired his crown for personal reasons and passed it on to his successor, Mr. Arthur Lipscomb, a vivacious resident of NC Associates, 180 South Orange Avenue.

The newly crowned King Arthur, feels tremendous pride in the position which has been entrusted to him and



NCC's Joyce Cook presents Older American trophy to new King Arthur Lipscomb.

wants to do all he can to help keep his kingdom in high regards.

Congratulations!, Mr. Lipscomb, King Arthur; in the tradition of your namesake we wish you a fruitful reign.

You Won't Get AIDS From An Insect Or A Kiss

No matter what you may have heard, the AIDS virus is hard to get and is easily avoided.

You won't just "catch" AIDS like a cold or flu because the virus is a different type. The AIDS virus is transmitted through sexual intercourse, the sharing of drug needles, or to babies of infected mothers before or during birth.

You won't get the AIDS virus through everyday contact with

people around you in school, in the workplace, at parties, child care centers, or stores. You won't get it by swimming in a pool, even if someone in the pool is infected with the AIDS virus. Students attending school with someone infected with the AIDS virus are not in danger from casual contact.

You won't get AIDS from a mosquito bite. The AIDS virus is not transmitted through a mosquito's salivary glands like other diseases

such as malaria or yellow fever. You won't get it from bed bugs, lice, flies or other insects either.

You won't get AIDS from saliva, sweat, tears, urine or a bowel movement.

You won't get AIDS from a kiss.

You won't get AIDS from clothes, a telephone, or from a toilet seat. It can't be passed by using a glass or eating utensils that someone else has used. You won't get

the virus by being on a bus, train or crowded elevator with a person who is infected with the virus, or who has AIDS.

Source **Understanding AIDS** from U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.



What Can Get Worse, Can Get Better

Where a condition or circumstance is in an unwholesome or undesirable state, physically or morally, and nothing antithetically or positively is done to stop it, eliminate it, improve it, or replace it with gratifying and uplifting essence, the state of being gets worse, for a moving force or practice continues to move in the same direction unless some outside counter force changes that element's motion or direction. A difficulty involved in changing the direction depends to a great degree on the quality and character of the change made. One force that can stop a malevolent practice and cause it to change its direction is a strong spiritual force, and the greatest spiritual force known to man is the power and love of Jesus Christ. When bad thoughts and deeds persist, a situation can get worse; but when seceded and replaced by good thoughts and acts, the circumstance and way of life can get better.

A great part of the woes of mankind is brought about by false estimates made on the value of things, and by giving too much for their acquisition. Man is foolish when he overpays for a thing in practice in terms of what it takes out of his very existence. He achieves the direct results of his own thoughts, values, and acts, and remains weak, abject and abjured when he refuses to purify his thoughts and renew his acts, for the divinity that shapes his end is in himself. Sometimes hardship is needed to

stimulate spiritual development and mark the beginning of spiritual advance. The story of Job shows that the best of men may suffer extreme sorrow and loss and still be a true servant of God, developing the best qualities he possesses. Hardship may be turned into a blessing sometimes. Job lost all of his oxen, donkeys, sheep, camels, servants, sons and daughters, and was himself inflicted with a dreadful painful disease. His wife said to him, "do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die," (Job 2:9), but Job would not, but testified, "though HE Slay me, yet will I trust HIM," (Job 13:15). The hardship of Job got worse: his friends turned against him accusing him of having sinned to cause his predicament. But Job, in God, still trusted and what got worse, got better, for the Lord restored Job's losses and gave Job twice as much as he had before, (Job 42: 10-16).

Only those who have been through some deep sorrow and hardship and found themselves alone with mental and spiritual darkness, without an answer to 'why,' can appreciate Job's position. Only those with the patience and faith of Job truly know that, holding on to faith in God and HIS will, 'what can get worse, can get better.'

Lewis Graves
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

Where Are The Babylanders Now?

We are trying to keep in touch with children, parents and friends of Babyland Nursery to see how they are today.

We would like to hear from you through cards, letters or even a phone call to 399-3400 with an update on your whereabouts.

Here is the second half of our list of former Babylanders from whom we would love to hear.

Where are the following young ladies, young men and their parents and guardians???

Craig Johnson	Yolanda Kilpatrick
Eddie Johnson	Melvin Kidd
Jack Johnson	Christopher Kooach
Jermaine Johnson	Alisha Land
Kenneth Johnson	Alycia Lane
Steven Johnson	Erica Lee
Jamekia Jordan	Angela Lewis
Tameka Jordan	Rodney Long
Al-nisa Kidd	Nicole Lucas

William Maye
Lareese McCloud
Allie Merritt
Tibra Moses
Robert Mulary
Oyindanola Obugbeol
Olykemi Okundayo
Dina Oweis
Omoimus Oyarebu
Toun Oydou
Louis Pointer
James Porter
Terrance Powell
Hakima Queen
Carmen Rashein
LaTonya Reid
Taneca Rollins

Ernest C. Sabb, Jr.
Dana Saffold
Omodete Satonio
Mona Sconiers
Kareim Shields
LaShawn Sims
Michelle Smith
Quency Spicer
Tobe Tanana
Courtney Tippet
Kayle Walls
Jermaine West
Timothy West
Tai Wheeler
Rachel Williams
Ronnie Williams

If you have pictures of former Babylanders today, please send them along.

Please send all correspondence to Ruby Dawson, c/o Babyland Nursery, Inc., 755 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07106.

Ghosts And Goblins At Babyland III



Participants in the Babyland III Halloween celebration begin to line up for their costume parade.

Student Safety Patrol Installed

"You must keep your self respect and dignity at all times, and be a good example to all students." These are the words delivered in an address to the recent installed Students Patrolees by their captain Shakir Hill.

On October the 17th, St. Rose of Lima School held its installation

ceremony for its Student Safety Patrol. The director James DeBose of New Community Security administered the Oath of Allegiance to some twenty three (23) student candidates.

Ms. Tanya Nowlin, Teacher Assistant is the moderator for this group of student leaders.



St. Rose of Lima School Principal Arthur Wilson welcomes some of the 23 members of the Student Safety Patrol on the Oath of Allegiance ceremony.

Babyland Affirms Dignity Of H.I.V. Children

New Jersey ranks second nationally in its number of H.I.V. infected infant and toddler cases. Newark, New Jersey ranks first within the state. Services for this very vulnerable group of children are as yet still emerging. In an effort to support the families of these children as well as developing medical and social service programs servicing these children, Babyland, with the encouragement of the federal government, is reaching out to fill a critical service gap for H.I.V. infected children — day care.

Babyland Parent and Child Center Extension, a specialized day care center for H.I.V. infected children, will exist as a public witness of mercy and hope. We are committed to a firm belief in the sacredness of human life and affirm the dignity of those we serve. Our delivery of service to this special population of children will focus on enhancing the quality of life for each child and their

parent or guardian, strengthening the family life, providing permanency for children and empowering each child to live as full and as productive a life as possible.

Our specialized day care program is presently funded by Head Start for 10 children ages 2½ months to 3 years. It is hoped that with additional funding, up to 30 children will be able to receive the support and attention Babyland staff and volunteers can offer.

Nutritional and dental care, individualized educational programs, and a wide range of social and support services will be offered to children and their parents. Babyland is committed to the complete care of the child. Our biggest emphasis, therefore, will be to create a loving warm environment for our children where they will be welcomed and nurtured daily.

Saint Rose Of Lima 1888-1988

Gateway For A Hundred Years

Saint Rose of Lima Parish is a microcosm of the ethnic diversity of the Catholic Church in the East and in Newark. Originally largely Irish, then Irish/Italian, Saint Rose has in its one hundred years - welcomed Catholics and non-Catholics of every land in its effort to make all immigrants and strangers to Newark feel at home in their new country, their new state.

Saint Rose's welcome has never been in word only. Its social and educational programs have always reached out in kindness and understanding to the loneliness, the helplessness of the stranger. These welcomes are designed to address

cultural differences, honor individual heritages, and assist each nationality to grow and to prosper both spiritually and materially in the American world.

Saint Rose Parish celebrates the one hundredth year of its founding. One hundred years of the glorious role of the Way to God and Gateway to the Church for thousands of incoming Catholics.

SAVE THIS DAY
SAINT ROSE OF LIMA
100th ANNIVERSARY
Sunday, December 11, 1988
11:00 a.m. Mass